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Celebrating Atticus



The view from the dean's office window is special. Just outside, the gracefully arched limbs of a river birch welcome visitors to the law school. The tree is aptly named in honor of Ms. Jean Tarpley, who embodied the law school's welcome for a generation of students. This fall, my view has added dimensions. The stately brick of the new Robins Stadium frames the view to the west, while the fountained courtyard of the Carole Weinstein International Center opens just a few steps to the south.

The Carole Weinstein International Center has become a hub for law school activity, housing law faculty members with interests in global environmental issues, Islamic law, and international labor relations. International Law classes now meet in its high-tech classrooms, and law students enjoy lunch from the Passport Café.

The International Center has made possible the law school's plan to get better without getting bigger. Rather than increasing our enrollment and building an addition to the law school, we chose to maintain our smaller class size, embrace the opportunity for new space in the International Center, and improve the existing space inside the law school. By summer's end, we will have transformed every teaching space in our building, created a modern facility to house our growing clinical programs and our National Center for Family Law, compacted library shelving to create space for new classrooms and meeting rooms, added multipurpose space for student organizations, and installed new technology in a renovated moot courtroom which we will proudly name in honor of Judge Robert R. Merhige Jr., in recognition of the many gifts made in his name.

This fall I joined a group of our John Marshall Scholars in Washington for discussions with three prominent lawyers. One was head of a national labor organization, one a former U.S. Attorney, and one the principal legal advisor to the State Department. They were vastly different personalities with vastly different backgrounds. But their message to our students was remarkably consistent. Satisfaction in a lawyer's career, they all said, stems less from money and position than from purpose. What matters is what you stand for.

Last year marked the 50th anniversary of Harper Lee's book *To Kill a Mockingbird*, a beloved classic that delivers a message not far from the one our students heard on that trip to Washington. By common measures Lee's legendary lawyer, Atticus Finch, wasn't much of a success. He had a modest practice, counseled poor farmers about "entailments," and accepted sacks of collard greens as his fee. He lost his biggest case. Yet for 50 years Atticus has personified the highest aspirations of our profession. In his quiet, determined way, Atticus stood for the rule of law in the face of public passion and prejudice. We recognize his greatness without looking for a title on his office door.

The second-best reward for a legal educator is to assist students as they grow toward careers of accomplishment. The best is to inspire them to pursue lives of purpose. After 50 years, Atticus is still a big help.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John G. Douglass". The signature is fluid and stylized, with a large initial "J" and "D".

John G. Douglass
Dean of the Law School

The Opportunity to Achieve

Since she was a young girl growing up in Nigeria, **Providence Okoye** has dreamed of someday becoming a lawyer. Today, as a third-year law student, she's well on her way to achieving that dream. She says her decision to study at the University of Richmond School of Law is the best decision she has ever made.

"I don't think I could have been more successful anywhere else," she says. "The attention that each student receives here is phenomenal. I don't feel like a statistic. I feel like an individual."

Providence has taken advantage of a variety of opportunities on campus, participating in mock trials and moot court, sitting on the University of Richmond Law Review, and joining the Black Law Students Association. As a volunteer teacher with Richmond's Street Law program, she's shared her knowledge of law, democracy, and human rights with local middle and high school students. And in a University-arranged clinical placement with a federal judge, she witnesses the law in action three days a week.

Providence is grateful for the financial aid that has allowed her to pursue a law career at a university that offers so many opportunities to enhance her legal education. She looks forward to the day she can continue the cycle and help students like herself.



By giving to the University of Richmond School of Law's Annual Fund, you can ensure that students like Providence have opportunities in legal education that would not be possible without the generosity of alumni and friends. Your gift is an investment in the law school's future.



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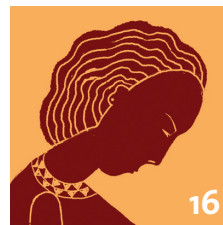
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Lipman grant continues support of family law clinic

The Lipman Foundation has awarded a grant to the School of Law that continues support of a law clinic offering free legal and social work assistance to families and children in the city of Richmond.

The Jeanette Lipman Family Law Clinic assists clients facing domestic violence and represents families in custody, divorce, neglect, and abuse cases, children in need of supervision or services, public benefits, and housing cases.

School of Law students represent the clinic's clients, under the supervision of Dale Margolin, assistant clinical professor of law and clinic director. A multidisciplinary collaboration with Virginia Commonwealth University, the clinic, located at UR Downtown, also is staffed by graduate students and faculty from VCU's School of Social Work and Department of Psychology, who provide a broad spectrum of social services.

"The Lipman Foundation recognizes the dire needs of families in Richmond, and its commitment to improving their lives and training the next generation of law students is invaluable," Margolin said. We are thrilled to receive the extremely generous support of the Lipman Foundation."

Three years ago, a Lipman Foundation grant enabled the law school to open the interdisciplinary clinic. During that time, the clinic has helped some 30 families. The new grant expands services and will sustain the work through the next five years. "This generous grant gives our students and faculty the opportunity to provide much-needed services for families," said School of Law Dean John G. Douglass. "We are proud of the work that our students and faculty have provided for the community, and we are deeply grateful to the foundation and to Mrs. Jeanette Lipman for their continuing commitment to this important project."

In 2010, the clinic represented one family with particularly multifaceted legal needs, including custody, visitation, foster care, Social Security, and education. Another example of the clinic's success is a 2009 custody case in which a teenage mother had been denied access to her infant child. Law students went to court to win legal and physical custody for the client, while social work students helped ensure the well-being of the mother and child. The client was reunited with her son, for whom she has cared successfully without court intervention.

Sydney Avery, L'10, said her most important experience at the clinic was the opportunity to assist people with their problems. "From helping a father dealing with custody issues to helping a woman decide what to do to escape an abusive husband," Avery said, "each case was an opportunity to connect with the people in the Richmond community."

Sidon "Ceci" Yohannes, L'11, (left) Michelle Miller, L'12, and Akhenaton Royes, L'12, work at the Jeanette Lipman Family Law Clinic.



Irving Blank, L'67, is new VSB president

When Irving Blank, L'67, was a young lawyer he remembers studying court dockets to find out when some of Richmond's best trial lawyers were scheduled to appear. "I would make time to go down and watch them," he recalled. Today, Blank may be the object of a young lawyer's admiration and attention himself.

In his 40-plus years as a personal injury attorney in Richmond, Blank has tried—and won—more than his share of cases. "I still love it," he said. "Every trial is different. I have never been in a trial where I didn't learn something."

Blank's love and respect for the law make him a natural in his current role as president of the Council of the Virginia State Bar (VSB), the state agency that regulates Virginia's 45,000 lawyers.

Blank has wanted to be a lawyer since he was a 12-year-old boy growing up in Danville, Va. He took the fast track to law school, being accepted at the University of Richmond School of Law after only three years of undergraduate work at Virginia Tech. His first year of law school was credited as his last year of undergraduate study.

Today, Blank practices with Paris Blank LLP in Richmond. Among the highlights of his career are *Memco Stores Inc. v. Yeatman*, a significant slip-and-fall case, and *Lee v. Southland Corp.*, "one of the first cases in America that allowed punitive damages in a civil case using the criminal law process to collect a civil debt," he said.

Blank has long been active in Richmond's legal community, serving on the board of Central Virginia Legal Aid Society for more than 25 years. He was a member of the Virginia Bar Association



Irving Blank

commission that developed the Virginia Principles of Professionalism, and is a member of the American College of Trial Lawyers' Legal Ethics Professionalism Committee. He also is on the faculty for the Virginia State Bar's professionalism course.

Blank first became active in the VSB Council in 2003, when he became concerned about the judicial reappointment process in Virginia. And while the reappointment process has not yet changed, Blank said Virginia now faces another larger problem—judicial vacancies.

Last winter Virginia lawmakers voted to suspend filling vacant non-appellate judgeships and clerkships to help close a \$4.2 billion budget gap. "The hiring freeze on court personnel has resulted in a terrible situation in terms of the public being served by the courts," Blank said. "Cases are taking much longer to get to trial." As president of the Virginia State Bar, Blank hopes to continue to draw attention to these two issues while keeping the organization on track.

Law school ranks with *Super Lawyers*

In the 2010 edition of *Virginia Super Lawyers*, the University of Richmond School of Law produced the second-highest number of lawyers on the list. The publication recognized 208 law school alumni—20 percent of the total.

The University of Virginia School of Law, with a much larger alumni base, was first on the list with 288 graduates, 27 percent of the total. William and Mary Law School ranked third, with 131 graduates, 12 percent. Washington and Lee University School of Law ranked fourth—84 alumni, 8 percent—and The George Washington University School of Law was fifth, with 45 graduates, 4 percent of the total.

NEWS

Lain leads search for new law dean



Corinna Lain

Professor Corinna Barrett Lain describes the person who will serve as the next dean of the School of Law as a high-energy institution builder with vision and a collaborative spirit. Lain is co-chair, with Provost Steve Allred, of the dean search committee.

"People we are talking to have already heard about us," Lain said. "The law school is poised for greatness, and with the University administration supporting us, this deanship presents an incredibly appealing opportunity."

Witt/Kieffer, an educational recruiting firm, serves as consultant for the search, which is one of more than 30 currently underway at law schools across the country. Despite the competition, Lain remains confident. "People see us as a unique and special place, and we are seeing that in the richness of the candidate pool." Lain and the search committee conducted airport interviews with a dozen or so semifinalist candidates in mid-December. Finalists will be interviewed at the School of Law beginning in late January, with the selection of a new dean to come by March 15.

The new dean will succeed John G. Douglass, who announced in July that he is stepping down to return to his role as a full-time law professor. "Dean Douglass has done a fantastic job," Lain added. "The question now is who will lead us in building upon that great work."

HONOR

Carrico Center receives award for pro bono service



Tara Casey

The Richmond Bar Association has conferred its 2010 John C. Kenny Pro Bono Award to the law school's Harry L. Carrico Center for Pro Bono Service. The award is presented annually by the bar to a lawyer, law firm, or legal services organization that has "demonstrated dedication to the development, implementation, and delivery of legal services to the underprivileged in the Richmond area." Previous recipients include Center Director Tara Louise Casey.

The letter notifying Dean John G. Douglass of the award conveyed the "deep appreciation" of the Richmond Bar for the "steadfast efforts of the Carrico Center and UR Downtown for their diligent work to address the unmet legal needs in our community." (See article on the center, page 18.)

"Our congratulations go to the Carrico Center and to all of the faculty and students who have given their time and talents in service to clients through the center's many pro bono activities," said Douglass. "Special thanks go to Ted and Laura Lee Chandler and to David Baldacci for the generous contributions that made the center a reality, and to Tara Casey for her remarkable leadership."

The award is to be presented at a luncheon on Jan. 20.



U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia met with the Richmond Law Federalist Society while at the law school.

Justice Scalia's topic separation of powers

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia addressed School of Law students on Nov. 19, on the topic of separation of powers. It's a subject "closest to my heart," and one he teaches in summer law programs abroad every year, said Scalia, who was appointed by President Ronald Reagan in 1986. Professor Kevin Walsh, who clerked for Scalia in the high court's 2003–2004 term, helped arrange the presentation, held in conjunction with Scalia's visit to the University campus as 2010 Orator in Residence.

Scalia had asked those planning to attend the presentation to read *Federalist No. 48*, *Federalist No. 78*, and *Tocqueville's Democracy in America*, Vol. 1, Ch. 6. He told the audience that the framers of the Constitution realized that the principal threat to liberty would be legislation. "The presidency is a very feeble institution compared to the legislature," he said.

Following the talk, the Richmond Law Federalist Society held a private reception in Scalia's honor for members of the student and lawyers chapters of the Federalist Society. The chapter presented the justice with the Joseph Story Award for contribu-

tions to constitutional scholarship.

In the evening, Scalia was the speaker at a Red Mass dinner program organized by Eric Gregory, L'02, assistant attorney general of Virginia and president of the St. Thomas More Society in Richmond. Walsh also was instrumental in Scalia's presence at that event, held at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.

Is hate speech protected by First Amendment?

"Hate Speech, Freedom of Speech, and the Westboro Baptist Church: A Mock Supreme Court Argument," on Sept. 26, was the first in a series of public presentations hosted by the University of Richmond School of Law, the First Freedom Center, and the Religious Studies Program and L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs of Virginia Commonwealth University.

Dean John G. Douglass moderated the discussion, held at VCU, between Margie Phelps, attorney for and member of Westboro Baptist Church, and William H. Hurd, a partner at the law firm Troutman Sanders LLP. Five law school students, Sau Chan, Isaac Mcbeth, Clayton LaForge, Lee Hoyle, and Andrew

Fulwider, presided over the hearing. It was a preview of what is likely to become one of the most important First Amendment cases to be decided by the Supreme Court.

The church, which was founded and is led by pastor Fred Phelps, is well known for holding public protests at the funerals of soldiers killed in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. The church believes that God kills soldiers as punishment for the country's tolerance of homosexuality.

Westboro picketed at the funeral of Lance Cpl. Matthew Snyder on March 10, 2006, holding signs expressing anti-gay, anti-American, and anti-Catholic slogans. Snyder's father, Albert Snyder, sued Phelps, alleging intentional infliction of emotional distress, and won a jury award of \$10.9 million, later reduced. Phelps appealed and the jury verdict was reversed by the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, which held that the protest was free speech protected by the First Amendment.

Margie Phelps, who presented the same argument before the Supreme Court Oct. 6, argued that what the "seven little Westboro picketers" did the day of Snyder's funeral was not intentional infliction of emotional distress, but protected

speech. Hurd argued that Albert Snyder was a private individual who by virtue of being at the funeral of his son was a captive audience. Snyder was not simply "an offended listener, he was the intended target" of an attack by Westboro, Hurd said.

The second event in the series—"Exploring Issues Vital to Religion, Public Policy and the Law"—was held Nov. 21 and focused on the same-sex marriage debate.

Alumnus part of China delegation

In June, James V. Meath, L '79, was a member of an economic development delegation that spent two weeks in China spreading the word about the benefits of doing business in Virginia. Meath traveled with Virginia Secretary of Commerce Jim Cheng, Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Trade Peter Su, Roy Dahlquist, international investment manager at the Virginia Economic Development Partnership, and a small group of Virginia business leaders.

Meath, who is vice chairman of Williams Mullen in Richmond, is noted for his labor and employment law practice. He met with Chinese business

PARTNERSHIP

Law School working to partner with UIA



Several faculty members have been working to develop a partnership between the School of Law and the Union Internationale Des Avocats (UIA), an international association of lawyers established in 1927. The collaborative relationship would be the first between the organization and a U.S. university.

Among the benefits, Professor Ann C. Hodges said, could be international internships for students and educational programs on various topics. "This is a wonderful opportunity for the students and faculty to learn from lawyers around the world," said Hodges. "We are very excited about the possibilities and appreciate the efforts of Carter Younger of McGuireWoods to help us bring this to fruition."

The UIA and the law school held a program on Sept. 29, "Privacy Rights in a Global Workforce: Employer Responsibilities and Employee Remedies," with speakers from Germany, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

Professor Paul Thompson said that through such programs, law students become aware that the legal issues of today transcend all borders. "As a result, lawyers must have exposure to global legal issues so that they can advise their clients on their rights and duties in the 21st century."



Students (bottom, from left) Clayton LaForge, L'12, Sau Chan, L'11, and Lee Hoyle, L'11, presided over a mock Supreme Court argument in which William H. Hurd of Troutman Sanders LLP (above) argued against Margie Phelps of Westboro Baptist Church.

NEWS

Alumni represent Tiger Woods' wife in divorce



Cullen

Belcher

Two School of Law alumni led the six-attorney legal team from McGuireWoods that represented Elin Nordegren in her divorce from golf superstar Tiger Woods in a Florida courtroom in August.

Leading the team were Richard Cullen, L'77, chairman of McGuireWoods, and partner Dennis I. Belcher, L'76, a past president of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel.

Cullen, attorney general of Virginia 1997–98, represented former Republican House Majority Leader Tom DeLay in a Justice Department investigation into DeLay's alleged ties to former lobbyist Jack Abramoff, and former Va. Gov. L. Douglas Wilder in a tax dispute with the Internal Revenue Service. He is among the lawyers hired by Bank of America to defend the bank against a probe by all 50 states into its foreclosure practices.

Belcher was previously chair of the American Bar Association's Real Property, Trust & Estate Law Section, and routinely represents high-net worth individuals, families, and family offices on a variety of complex estate and business planning matters.

While it is rare that McGuireWoods handles divorce cases, the firm said it was eager to assist Nordegren, whose twin sister, Josefin Lonnberg, is an associate in the firm's London office.

leaders in Hong Kong and Shanghai and was part of a presentation on doing business in Virginia.

"The Chinese generally do not have a good understanding of how to do business in the United States," Meath explained. "It gets as basic as where you locate."

Meath said Virginia has much to offer Chinese investors, from its business-friendly government and favorable tax structure, to its well-developed transportation infrastructure, state-of-the-art port, and moderate energy costs. "Virginia is a good sell," he said. "We match up incredibly well with other venues Chinese businesses would be looking at."

The trip was Meath's first to mainland China and he returned to Richmond with a newfound appreciation for the complexities of the Chinese economy. "There are 1 billion, 3 million peasants in China," he said. "In spite of all the wealth you see in Shanghai, they still have some significant issues to overcome."

Meath also believes the United States needs to clarify its trade position with



Jim Meath

China to successfully encourage Chinese investment. He points to businesses such as Mercury Paper in Strasburg, Va., a subsidiary of Shanghai-based Asia Pulp and Paper, as proof both Chinese and Virginians benefit. "Their plant and equipment are state-of-the-art and they give their employees good wages and benefits," he said.

"They are good citizens."

Symposium examines evolving perspectives

Americans should look to the nation's increasing diversity as a path to solutions for "the common good," said former Virginia Gov. Tim Kaine at the University of Richmond's Donchian Ethics Symposium Sept. 20.

Kaine, a Senior Distinguished Lecturer of Law and Leadership Studies at the University, and chairman of the Democratic National Committee, was the keynote speaker at the conclusion of a day of events that featured prominent executives in business, leadership, law, and aca-



Former Va. Gov. Tim Kaine, at the ethics symposium, said we should look to the nation's increasing diversity as a path to solutions for the common good.

demics exploring evolving perspectives on ethics.

Kaine's address, "Pluralism and Moral Inquiry: How to Find the Common Good in an Increasingly Diverse Society," was rooted in the tough issues he has faced throughout his two decades in public service, and in historical precedent found in the Bill of Rights. Whether one believes that there's no such thing as the common good, or that one's own views are the right answer and dismiss the competing views that often come from diverse populations, at the end, Kaine said, "We have to make decisions for the nation and move the nation forward."

The symposium, which also featured Professor Douglas Kysar of Yale Law School and leadership expert Betsy Myers, former COO of the Obama presidential campaign, was a collaborative effort of the Jepson School of Leadership Studies, the Robins School of Business, and the School of Law.

John Marshall, first activist judge?

Was Chief Justice John Marshall an activist judge? With that provocative question Virginia Supreme Court Justice Donald Lemons launched a panel discussion during an Oct. 29 symposium, "John Marshall: the Life and Legacy of the Great Chief Justice." The event was sponsored by the University of Richmond School of Law Annual Austin Owen Lecture in collaboration with the John Marshall Foundation.

Lemons was joined by Judge Roger L. Gregory of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and Justice Randy J. Holland of the Delaware Supreme Court in a conversation moderated by Charles J. Cooper of Cooper & Kirk, PLLC in Washington, D.C.



Judge Roger L. Gregory of the Fourth Circuit was a panelist for "John Marshall: the Life and Legacy of the Great Chief Justice."

Lemons, a former John Marshall Professor of Judicial Studies at Richmond, examined the landmark case *Marbury v. Madison* to present his hypothesis that Marshall was perhaps the first activist judge in the history of the U.S. Supreme Court. The case, which established the concept of judicial review in the United States, was also a case in which Marshall was intimately involved—he was a participant in the controversy and his brother offered testimony in the case. "One must wonder out loud whether Marshall ever considered recusing himself," Lemons said.

During his comments, Gregory spoke about Marshall's commitment to the concept of "We the people." "He knew that if we really wanted to have these freedoms [outlined in the Constitution] we would have to be a country strong enough to protect them," Gregory said. "He made the Constitution a living thing and not just a contract to be bickered over."

Holland said that by looking to English legal history, Marshall determined that the court would be strongest if it spoke with one voice and ruled with one opinion. "The ultimate legacy of John Marshall is not only the manner of the opinion written under his leadership—but that he could marshal the court to speak with one voice at a time when it was probably needed most."

NEWS

Alumnus's video a YouTube hit



David Kazzie, L'99, is a YouTube sensation. Kazzie's humorous, animated video, *So You Want to Go to Law School*, was the 22nd most-viewed video in October on YouTube's film/animation section. By the end of November, it had received nearly 950,000 hits.

"It's been a huge thrill to watch it go viral," Kazzie said. Kazzie, who works on health-care professional discipline cases, wrote the script for the video in about two hours using Xtranormal's movie-making website and uploaded it to YouTube in mid-October. The video features a jaded lawyer named Oscar meeting with an eager would-be law student, Carrie-Ann, who's looking for advice about law school. (See the video at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nMvARyOIBLE>.)

Kazzie, an aspiring novelist who writes a weekly humor blog (<http://wahoocorner.blogspot.com>), has created a series of videos featuring the adventures of Carrie-Ann in law school.

"I met my wife at Richmond law, and I'm still close with a bunch of my classmates, so my memories of law school are pretty positive," Kazzie said. "But there can be a huge discrepancy between a new law student's expectations about being a lawyer and realities of the profession. So I thought a short movie poking a little fun at that discrepancy would work well."





PUTTING THE LAW To Work

Newest clinic offers lifeline
to entrepreneurs, businesses,
and nonprofits.

By Marilyn J. Shaw

Clients in the law school's new Intellectual Property and Transactional Law Clinic call it a "godsend," a "lifeline." Students say taking the six-credit course is the best decision they've ever made.

In its first semester last spring, the clinic and its J.D. candidates contributed an estimated \$219,000 worth of services to the Richmond community, based on hours of legal work, according to Clinic Director John Carroll, L'95.

As a teaching law firm, the Intellectual Property and Transactional Law Clinic helps individuals start businesses and it addresses contracts and licensing needs. The clinic also serves artists and inventors who want to protect their creations, and assists companies looking to assign or acquire intellectual property rights. It builds on the popularity of the School of Law's Intellectual Property Institute.

"This role lets me help both students and people with pressing legal needs in their businesses and nonprofits," Carroll says. "I help the students interact with their clients, and turn theory into practice. That's our hallmark at the School of Law. And being part of the community is an important aspect of *The Richmond Promise*, the University's strategic plan."

In the inaugural spring semester, clinic associates included Diane Pletcher, L'10. Pletcher spent 68 hours assisting Tappan August, the liquid herbal supplement entrepreneur behind ULIVE LLC. He needed counsel on a variety of trademark prosecution and infringement matters, as well as business counseling and contract review.

Carroll calls ULIVE a small business with some very sophisticated legal issues that needed immediate attention and lots of action that required substantial analysis by Pletcher. "I like transactional law. I like trademark law, too. With Tappan as a client,

Last spring, Diane Pletcher, L'10, spent 68 hours assisting Tappan August, a liquid herbal supplement entrepreneur.



Joanita Senoga, C'06 (center), sought help to form a U.S. nonprofit to raise funds for the Circle of Peace School she founded in Uganda.

I feel like I had the opportunity to develop expertise in both areas," Pletcher says.

August found out about the clinic through his SCORE small-business counselor when he was at the tail end of the trademark registration process and two competing products with similar marks appeared in the marketplace. "The law clinic, J.D. candidates, and Mr. Carroll have truly been a lifeline in keeping the ULIVE mission and vision alive," he says. Frank Oroszlan, L'11, now works with August.

Last fall, Wiley Grandy, L'11, worked with Boatwright Memorial Library employee Joanita Senoga, C'06, to form a U.S. nonprofit to raise funds and support educational institutions like the Circle of Peace School she founded in her native Uganda. The school is seeking to complete the purchase of property that will allow it to expand and serve more children.

Senoga was his primary client, says Grandy, who called enrolling in the clinic probably the best decision he's made at law school. "She's so deeply committed to children. I'm happy I can help her help others." He admitted to some nervousness when dealing with his first legal matter, but "that anxious feeling has gone away as I'm getting to know my clients."

While Grandy had taken a few courses in the law school that relate to tax issues, applications for tax-exempt status were new to him—"and the tax code is not the easiest thing to get a firm understanding of." The international aspect added a further complication.

"It doesn't make it impossible, but it means that there are additional hoops to be jumped through," he says.

For Senoga, who borrowed funds to assist in the property purchase, the free legal assistance was priceless. "I'm blessed that these law students are here," Senoga says. "I'm giving; I want to work with others who want to be giving back."

In the spring semester, Jim Stubbs, L'10, a CPA, put his accounting background to use in determining rights and royalties for songwriter Kelli Lieder, who sought counsel before she could commercialize a children's musical project.

"I never expected searching on the Internet [for free legal help] that I would find such a gold mine. It was a godsend," says Lieder. "I know God put us together. Jim spent so much time and interest in what I was doing."

Clinic Director Carroll smiles before summarizing that case. "I couldn't have paid Kelli to come up with a more tangled intellectual property conundrum for the students to tackle," Carroll says. "Nothing focuses the mind like a real person with a real problem."

Lieder cowrote various musical pieces 15 years ago, and since then her collaborator lost interest in the project they called the "International Day of Praise." A simple problem became inordinately complex.

For Stubbs, it was a huge learning exercise. "The issue kept getting more and more complicated and bigger and scarier," Carroll says. The music and lyrics were the tip of the iceberg. Sheet music had been created. The 13 songs were performed by the collaborators' children for a compact disc using the recorded percussion available on electronic keyboards. A script providing costume suggestions, staging advice, and choral directions had been written. Lieder also had compiled a book of international facts as another companion to the package.

"I'd find out one thing and then be asked about another and then another product," Stubbs says. "It took some concentration to help this client. It wasn't cut and dried." Stubbs worked on the case for 109 hours, an estimated \$17,440 in free legal advice at an hourly rate of \$160.

A week after determining the share of royalties and rights to the package, Lieder says, she began a speaking tour for her company, Circle of N'fluence. She participated in several conventions in the spring and placed the

product for sale at a New Kent County, Va., bookstore.

"I can do it in full confidence that I'm doing it right." Lieder now anticipates the day she starts making a profit and needs to compensate the contributors.

To these early successes, the clinic adds another. The University of Richmond School of Law has been invited as one of 16 participants in a pilot program that would grant a provisional right for students to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. "Generally that's only open to bar-certified lawyers," Carroll says. "The trade-off is we must be available to the Trademark Office between the semesters and during the summer. I'm hoping that this means the opportunity to serve the community will increase."

Along the way, students have helped to create a thriving law firm, serving on marketing and operations committees, and addressing the small and large issues any start-up faces. "We aimed for this to be a client-based experience, but it also has been providing law firm management as well. The combination is natural," says School of Law Dean John G. Douglass. "It was an added element. The whole thing has reached beyond my expectations."

The clinic's caseload is handled by a maximum of eight law students, and accepts cases that play off the students' existing expertise and their future practice interests. For instance, if participants have a biology or medical background, the clinic might take on biotechnology-related matters. Carroll also looks for clients who aren't financially healthy enough to hire an attorney. "Everyone has a client who can't pay but deserves to be helped," adds the professor, who joined the law school full time in 2009 after many years of experience, both as a lawyer in private practice and as in-house counsel.

The clinic also performs legal work for the University itself. "Many of our legal matters are handled by outside counsel or the University's general counsel," says Douglass, "but this provides an interesting set of skills in intellectual property and transitional law in an education environment. From an economic perspective, it's a nice thing to add." The clinic is working with the University to review its intellectual property policy, says Carroll, and developing materials—such as Web, Power Point, and in-person communications—to help stakeholders and employees understand how the University IP policy affects them.

In addition to University matters, those that Carroll attracts from the community, and those drawn by the clinic's own marketing, the students themselves bring potential clients.

Clinic clients vary

In two brief semesters, members of the Intellectual Property and Transactional Law Clinic, under direction of their supervising attorney, Assistant Clinical Professor John Carroll (right), have provided free legal assistance to a variety of clients. They performed numerous patent and trademark searches and helped form several businesses.



Some examples of their clients:

- A recording studio in Armenia that would like to gain distribution to Central Asians living in the United States
- An online retailer of used maternity clothing that needed help with a purchasing agreement
- A literacy consultant seeking help drafting contracts her clients can understand
- An online pet food bakery in need of intellectual property advice
- A convicted felon who wanted to start a business that could contract with the state government
- Several individual inventors who needed help with patentability analyses, and others who needed help with patent applications
- A television writer/director/producer who needed several copyright and business contracts drafted
- A local farmer who needed help with business formation issues and an estate planning issue
- A wedding consultant who needed help with business contract review and drafting
- A child-care provider who needed a lease evaluated
- A veteran who was seeking disabled veteran status for his business.

"I encourage them to build deep relationships with their clients, to use word of mouth to friends and neighbors," Carroll says. "When they're in a job interview they can say, 'Yes, I've formed an LLC, I've handled patent cases, I've filed trademark applications. By the way, these people are my clients and I'd like to bring them with me.'"

"The benefit of the clinic is that newly minted lawyers go into the practice of law already having a rich experience interacting with clients," Carroll adds. "Here, while in law school, it's something they've done, even before day one." ■

Marilyn J. Shaw is the founder of Well Put LLC in Richmond.



Barry Steinberg, R'63 and
L'66, a partner at Kutak Rock
LLP in Washington, D.C.,
helped create the U.S. Army's
Environmental Law Division.

Environment for growth

Evolving field creates opportunities in government, regulatory agencies, and law firms

By Gordon Hickey

As going green becomes a global priority, so does the demand for environmental law attorneys. And University of Richmond School of Law alumni see unlimited opportunities in this growing field.

Barry Steinberg, R'63 and L'66, has been a practitioner for more than 40 years. Today he is a partner at Kutak Rock LLP in Washington, D.C., where he concentrates on national security matters associated with environmental contamination, military personnel, military base closures, and base reuse issues. While serving in the U.S. Army, he helped create its Environmental Law Division and became its first chief. "Though I didn't know much about environmental law, I knew more than other Army lawyers," he recalls. "We just did not have a real program in the 1980s to address environmental issues."

More recent graduates, including Sarah Francisco, L'02, Nicole Rovner, L'94, and Alicia Zatcoff, L'94, were already committed to the environment and sustainability before arriving at the law school. They say their professors and course studies gave them the direction and skills to practice law in a field about which they are passionate.

"The University of Richmond is really responsible for where I am today, for my choice in environmental law as a career," Francisco says. Francisco is a senior attorney for the Southern Environmental Law Center (SELC), where she leads the nonprofit organization's National Parks and Forest Program.

Francisco grew up on a farm and had an appreciation for the outdoors and an awareness that the natural world is vulnerable. "I discovered the value of legal advocacy in Professor Joel Eisen's environmental law class. He suggested we check out the SELC website and get a feel for the work the SELC is doing." The fit was right for Francisco, who landed a summer internship with the center and started work there right after graduation.

Steinberg's career path was more indirect. At the time he was a University of Richmond undergraduate, all males were subject to the draft and the school was required to offer ROTC. Steinberg was in the program for four years, and when he graduated he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army Reserve.

The Army allowed Steinberg to attend law school while on active duty. Years later, while serving as the Chief of the Army's Litigation Division in the

Pentagon, he became involved in litigation involving the Rocky Mountain Arsenal in Colorado. The Army had manufactured nerve gas at the site and later leased it to Shell Chemical Company, which manufactured pesticides. “Between the Army’s activities and Shell’s activities going back to the 1940s, we had a real witches brew in the aquifer,” Steinberg says.

“I recommended and, with approval of the Secretary of the Army, we created the Environmental Law Division and I became its first chief.” Today the Rocky Mountain Arsenal site, though still contaminated, is a wildlife refuge. After Steinberg retired in 1989 as a colonel, he continued to practice environmental law by representing numerous communities in military base realignment and redevelopment matters, focusing on the environmental legacy of former military bases. He has been at Kutak Rock for 14 years.

Alicia Zatcoff also took a somewhat winding path to environmental law. Zatcoff is the Sustainability Manager for the City of Richmond, a newly created

position. “My job is to harness all the efforts of all the city agencies and push the sustainability agenda forward for the city,” she says.

Zatcoff began working for the city 13 years ago, as in-house counsel to the Police Department. She later helped start the CAPS (Community Assisted Public Safety) program and moved on to the city’s real estate department.

“Environmental law was always in the back of my mind,” she says. “I was searching, figuring out how to get to where I am. I have always been passionate about sustainability and the environment. I needed to figure out how to get here professionally.”

Like Steinberg and other alumni in the field, Zatcoff sees environmental law expanding. “Sustainability and environmental law are becoming more mainstream and I think that if you look at the general trend and where we’re going with the marketplace ... everything is on the macro scale, everything is on an international scale.”

Zatcoff says the education she received at the School of Law was very valuable. “The skills, the critical analysis, the problem solving, the nature of the law school, its ability to allow that close interaction with professors ... there were a lot of positives.” Though it took her awhile, Zatcoff says, “I went to law school to practice environmental law—my intent was always to be in the field.”

Like Francisco, Nicole Rovner went directly into environmental law. She joined the Virginia Division of Legislative Services as a staff attorney, where she was counsel to five legislative committees that consider natural resource-related issues. In 2000, she became the first director of government relations for the Nature Conservancy in Virginia. Rovner joined the administration of Gov. Timothy M. Kaine in 2006 as deputy secretary of natural resources. When Kaine left office in 2010, Rovner returned to the Nature Conservancy as director of state government relations. (Kaine is a Senior Distinguished Lecturer of Law and Leadership Studies.)

Rovner’s undergraduate degree is in wildlife science, “So I was going to be a wildlife biologist and then I realized that I liked learning about science more than I liked doing it. That’s part of what sent me to law school,” she says. “When I got



Sarah Francisco, L’02, leads the Southern Environmental Law Center’s National Parks and Forest Program, based in Charlottesville, Va.

to the University of Richmond they had just decided they were going to require first year law students to take environmental law. We were the first class that had that requirement.” She became a teaching assistant for the class in her second and third years.

It was while Rovner was at the School of Law that it started expanding its environmental law program. Eisen was hired in Rovner’s second year. “They beefed up their faculty and that makes a difference,” she says. In spring 2009, Eisen was a Fulbright Professor of Law at the China University of Political Science and Law in Beijing, China. He has become an authority on China’s efforts to address climate change.

Noah Sachs joined the law faculty in 2006. He is the Director of the Robert R. Merhige Jr. Center for Environmental Studies, and his research focuses on regulation of toxics and hazardous waste, climate change, transboundary pollution, and international environmental law. The Merhige Center opened in 1985, and its influence has continued to grow in recent years. “My vision is that the center will be a resource for our law students, for the school, and for the whole community on pressing environmental issues like water pollution and energy policy,” Sachs says.

“I think there’s a definite uptick in student interest in environmental law. Over the next 20 or 30 years it is a huge growth field.” Part of its appeal is its breadth.

Sustainability and environmental law are becoming more mainstream ... everything is on the macro scale.

Attorneys in the field can work for government, for regulatory agencies, for nonprofits, environmental groups, cities and towns, and law firms.

Sachs sees events in the real world continuing to shape the curriculum. “Professor Eisen teaches a class in climate change law, which evolves every week,” Sachs says. “And I’m using the Gulf oil spill in my environmental law class and in my torts class because there are so many legal liability issues.”

For alumni working in environmental law, the field is always evolving and can only expand, says Rovner. “When I was working in the Kaine administration



Alicia Zatcoff, L'94,
is the city of
Richmond's first
sustainability
manager.

and he set his goal of conserving 400,000 acres during his term, one of the first things he did was to identify obstacles to achieving that goal. One of the things we identified early on was there were not enough lawyers who understood conservation easements. And so we partnered up with the state bar to provide some educational opportunities for lawyers.”

Francisco, too, sees growth, particularly on the conservation side. “I feel like we’ve reached a tipping point in terms of climate change issues,” she says, “and I know this will only continue.”

Steinberg envisions nuclear power entering the mix in the coming years, and that will generate even more work for environmental lawyers. “My own personal view is that nuclear power scares the

hell out of people, but nuclear power is not generated by a fossil fuel, so it does not produce climate-changing emissions. So we’ve got to take a look at it.

“Environmental law is a big tent profession,” says Steinberg, “and a big tent interest today that expands into areas like invasive species, resource protection, risk allocation issues, cap and trade, licensing and permitting issues. Contract law doesn’t change very often, nor does tort law or corporate law. Environmental law? Daily change.” ■

Gordon Hickey is a Richmond-based writer.

THE PRICE OF Pleasure

By Shari Motro

A woman who becomes pregnant with a man to whom she is not married is essentially on her own. If she chooses to terminate the pregnancy, the man owes her nothing. If she takes the pregnancy to term, the man may be required to contribute to prenatal and birthing medical costs as part of his child-support obligations, but other pregnancy-related costs—like lost wages—tend to fall squarely on the woman.

Why is this bad?

First, the current rule sets up the wrong incentives. Granted, good guys do their best to prevent pregnancy, and when their efforts fail, they do not leave their partner in the lurch, even when their legal duties are minimal or nil. But for some men, the bottom line matters.

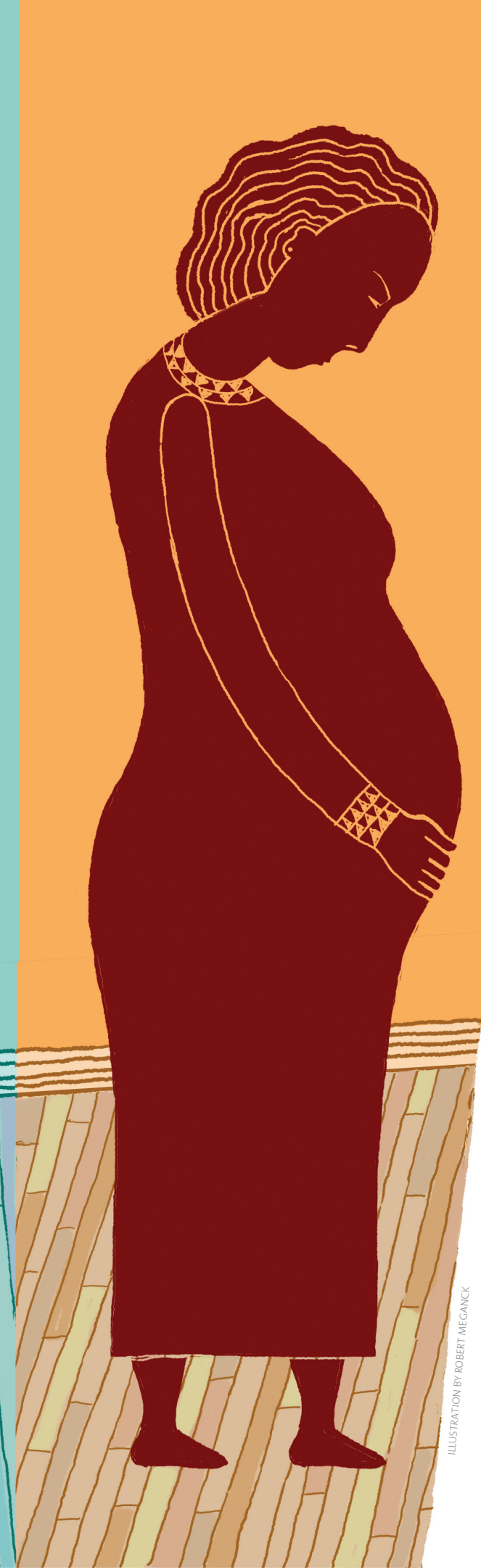
Studies show, for example, that adolescent men who expect to pay child support if their partner becomes pregnant have fewer partners, have less frequent intercourse, and are more likely to use contraception. But in some relationships, men assume—sometimes reasonably—that a woman will terminate an unwanted pregnancy. How does the fact that abortion frees men not only of child support, but also of responsibility for the woman herself, influence what happens in the bedroom?

Decisions about sex, contraception, and abortion take place in the shadow of the law's allocation of their attendant risks. It is only logical that one way to reduce unintended pregnancies might be to raise the stakes for men, to make sure that *all* pregnancies have concrete consequences for both parties involved.

Second, the current rule is unfair. When a woman who is not prepared to be a mother discovers she is pregnant, the weeks and months that follow can be extremely difficult—physically, emotionally, financially. As long as she did not lie about birth control, why should the law not require the man to mitigate her hardships *beyond* taking care of the child *if* one is born?

Some people think the answer comes down to choice. Sexual liberation comes with responsibility, the argument goes. A sexually active woman who does not want babies should use protection. If she fails to prevent pregnancy, she should take care of herself. Demanding that men support choices they are powerless to prevent amounts to women wanting to have their cake and eat it, too.





But this “choice” argument trivializes the fact that *all* of women’s reproductive choices are risky—a lot more risky than most people realize. The cheapest and healthiest contraceptive methods—such as condoms—are also less than reliable, whereas the most effective methods also jeopardize women’s health. Hormonal contraceptives, for example, cause strokes, heart attacks, blood clots, migraine headaches, cancer, diabetes, asthma, breast pains, vaginal dryness and infections, and loss of sexual desire. Abstinence, of course, is foolproof and safe, but only a small minority of Americans—religious and secular alike—remains celibate until marriage. And teens who take abstinence vows and then break them are less likely to practice safe sex. So however you slice it, there is an inherent imbalance in sex that women’s reproductive freedoms do not cancel out.

We already recognize that there is no contradiction between a woman’s right to choose and a man’s duty to support her when lovers are married. Precisely because no matter what she decides, it is her body that will bear the consequences, the rough justice we strike in marriage is that a wife gets the final say and is entitled to support, while her husband gets to not be pregnant.

I am not suggesting that having sex should throw people into the same legal category as those who marry, but the law *should* recognize that unmarried lovers who conceive fall somewhere in between spouses and complete strangers.

Leaving a woman to deal with an unwanted pregnancy alone does make sense in one very particular situation: when both parties explicitly agree that once they part there will be no strings attached. When a man and a woman either “hook up” or deliberately try to conceive with no expectation of an ongoing relationship, a rule that treats lovers as strangers is appropriate. But the one-night stand should not be the model for the rule governing all nonmarital sex. Treating lovers as strangers is not inherently wrong; it is just the wrong default.

In life there are no guarantees. Men and women who do not want children have sex anyway, despite the wild roll of the dice it entails. This is the fundamental risk at the heart of making love. This is the true price of pleasure, a price no law can erase. But the law can—indeed it inevitably does—set the baseline. It is up to us to decide where. ■

Shari Motro is an associate professor of law whose scholarship includes marriage, money, and the law. This article was adapted from her publication The Price of Pleasure, 104 Northwestern University Law Review, 2010.



Victor H. Narro, L'91, (left) and Keith G. Talbot, L'83, are two alumni making a difference in community service work.

For the Public Good

‘There’s a bigger gap now between the haves and the have-nots’

By Bonnie V. Winston

The goal of the University of Richmond School of Law’s Carrico Center for Pro Bono Service is quite simple: “To instill within students the idea that *pro bono publico*, which literally means ‘for the public good,’ is a part of legal practice,” says Director Tara Louise Casey.

That ideal was reinforced when alumni in public interest law shared their life lessons and their passion for helping the underserved at a fall event for the Richmond legal community marking National Celebration of Pro Bono week.

A panel discussion, “Leveling the Playing Field: How the Community Benefits from Protecting Low Wage and Immigrant Workers,” featured Keith G. Talbot, L’83, Legal Services of New Jersey, and Victor H. Narro, L’91, UCLA Center for Labor, Research, and Education, along with Tim Freilich of the Legal Aid Justice Center in Charlottesville, Va. The event was sponsored by the Carrico Center, the Career Services Office, the Public Interest Law Association, and Phi Alpha Delta law fraternity.

Narro, a Peruvian immigrant, activist, and author, applauded the Carrico Center for encouraging student interest in pro bono work.

As a college student at Virginia Commonwealth University in the 1980s, Narro was deeply involved

in the plight of political refugees in the United States, but said he felt isolated when he arrived at law school because few others shared his passion.

Narro credited Dean Joseph D. Harbaugh and several faculty members, including Ann C. Hodges, W. Clark Williams Jr., and W. Wade Berryhill, with fortifying and inspiring him to stay at the law school and to remain involved in community work. He received the Nina R. Kestin Service Award, given by the faculty at commencement to a graduate who has made an extraordinary contribution to the school, when he graduated in 1991. With the Carrico Center’s sophisticated network of pro bono opportunities, Narro said the School of Law “has changed a lot.” “I think I would love being part of the student body now,” he said with a laugh.

Today Narro is project director of the UCLA Downtown Labor Center, which serves as a bridge between the university and the Southern California labor community. His book, *Working for Justice: The L.A. Model of Organizing and Advocacy*, was published in March 2010 by Cornell University Press.

In addition to teaching, Narro is using his law degree to change California laws to help workers through anti-sweat shop legislation and efforts to criminalize serious acts of wage violations. “There’s a bigger gap now between the haves and the have-nots,” Narro said, “and



Free estate planning services were offered to senior citizens as part of the celebration of pro bono week. Law students James Kiley, L'12, (at laptop, with Edward Desmarais of Williams Mullen) and Kelsey Farbotko, L'12, (right) worked at the event.



the legal gap is even bigger. More and more people can't afford legal services and many don't have access to lawyers. Pro bono services are not enough. I encourage students today to try it. It allows you to use your mind, but practice with your heart. It can be emotionally draining, but I look forward to going to work every day."

Talbot, who grew up in Harrisonburg, Va., understood the poverty of coal mining towns and isolated parts of rural Kentucky, Tennessee, and Virginia after working in those areas as an undergraduate at the University of Virginia. Before graduating from the School of Law with a dual degree in law and a master's degree in social work from Virginia Commonwealth University, Talbot volunteered to do clinical work with legal services organizations on Virginia's Eastern Shore and in East Tennessee.

"There were wage problems and wage peonage," Talbot said. In many cases, people weren't paid, which led to significant hunger issues and homelessness. His compassion and interest led him to continue working with legal services programs in Maryland and Delaware before heading to New Jersey several years ago.

Talbot is now a senior attorney with Legal Services of New Jersey and works with a workers' legal rights project. He sees the tough economy and the country's current immigration system contributing to violations of law and promoting an underground economy. Those circumstances also have led to a substantial need for lawyers interested in doing pro bono work or establishing careers in legal aid agencies.

"There's a real opportunity for getting involved," Talbot said, noting the expansion of public interest opportunities through the Carrico Center.

Due in large part to the generosity of Laura Lee Chandler, W'74, and Theodore L. Chandler Jr., L'77, and Michelle and David Baldacci, the Harry L. Carrico Center for Pro Bono Service launched in 2007 with Casey as its inaugural director. Since that time, the center has created a big footprint in greater Richmond.

On average, between 50 and 70 students are engaged in pro bono projects during the year, said

Casey, including—with attorney supervision—arguing domestic violence cases in court, analyzing and tracking legislation in the Virginia General Assembly, and providing immigration assistance.

"We provide pro bono experiences in areas that range from litigation, transaction, and legislative and public policy law to family law, estate planning, and veterans' law," said Casey.

Casey, a former assistant U.S. attorney in Virginia's Eastern District, understands firsthand the importance of public interest law. She received the Richmond Bar Association's John C. Kenny Pro Bono Award in 2005 for exemplary pro bono service and was the YWCA's "Outstanding Woman of Achievement in Law" in 2007.

While many people refer to pro bono work as an obligation of the profession, "I consider it to be an honor to use the gifts we've been given, in terms of knowledge and expertise, to help others," she said.

Students receive no academic credit for their pro bono work, nor any payment. But the return can be great, Casey said. In addition to the satisfaction of knowing they are helping people in crisis or who are disadvantaged, students gain practical experience and valuable contacts that often help them on their career paths.

The Career Services Office also provides opportunities for law students to explore public interest work through the University of Richmond Summer Intern Fellowship Program. Last summer, more than \$175,000 was awarded to more than 80 second- and third-year students for internships with nonprofit legal services organizations, public defenders, prosecutors, and various government agencies.

"For many students," Casey said, "the experience in the pro bono program solidifies their interest and desire to go into public interest law. Others have gone into private practice, but remain committed to pro bono service." ■

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FACULTY BRIEFS

Faculty achievements, publications and appearances



Jack Preis winning counsel before Ninth Circuit

Associate Professor of Law John F. “Jack” Preis was the winning counsel before the Ninth Circuit in *Pollard v. The Geo Group*. The case involved the duty of privately run prisons to respect prisoners’ constitutional rights. Preis’ client, Richard Lee Pollard, suffered serious medical problems in prison and complained that The Geo Group failed to provide him with adequate medical care, as mandated by the Eighth Amendment.

Since Preis’ scholarly interests lie in this area of law, he volunteered to handle Pollard’s case pro bono. Oral arguments were held in San Francisco in October 2009. To prepare for the argument, Preis summoned



the help of several students who had taken an interest in this area of law to serve as moot court judges. “I faced a panel of five students who were all too happy to grill one of their professors,” Preis said.

The Ninth Circuit, in a 2-1 opinion in June, held that privately run prisons must adhere to constitutional standards and that prisoners are not stuck with ordinary tort remedies.

This is an important case, Preis noted, because governments are increasingly relying on private contractors to accomplish traditional government tasks. “We expect different behaviors from the government than we do from private companies,” he said. “And so when the government uses a private company to accomplish traditional government tasks, it is important to make sure that the government’s constitutional duties are not lost in the shuffle.”

Tara Louise Casey was named a member of the Legal Elite in the category of Legal Services/Pro Bono for *Virginia Business* magazine.

John Carroll was recognized as a Legal Elite by *Virginia Business* magazine.

Henry L. Chambers Jr. co-authored an essay, “Much Ado About Nothing Much: *Protestant*



Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia v. Truro Church,” forthcoming in Vol. 45 of

the *University of Richmond Law Review*, with Isaac Mcbeth, L’11. Chambers taught in the Institute for Federal Judicial Law Clerks

program held at the School of Law Sept. 24–25. Last summer, he taught civic education programs at the Center for the Constitution at James Madison’s Montpelier and in Jackson Hole, Wyo.

Timothy L. Coggins, associate dean for library and information services and professor of law, organized and moderated a program, “Transparency in Government: National, State and Local,” at the 2010 Annual Conference of the Virginia Library Association in Portsmouth in October. Coggins serves as the 2010–2011 chair of the American Association of Law Libraries’ Electronic Legal Information and Citation Committee, which is focusing on the authentication and preservation of digital

legal information. He attended the fall meeting of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws in Washington, D.C., where the draft of NCCUSL’s uniform law, “Authentication and Preservation of State Electronic Legal Materials Act,” was discussed.

Joel B. Eisen was named the University’s Distinguished Educator for 2010–2011. He published articles on “China’s Renewable Energy Law: A Platform for Green Leadership?”



in the *William and Mary Environmental Law and Policy Review*, “The New Energy

Geopolitics?: China, Renewable Energy, and the 'Greentech Race'" in the *Chicago-Kent Law Review*, and "Can Urban Solar Become a 'Disruptive' Technology?: The Case For Solar Utilities" in the *Notre Dame Journal of Law, Ethics & Public Policy*. His encyclopedia article on "Utility Regulation and Environmental Issues" was published in the third edition of the *Encyclopedia of Sustainability* (Berkshire Publishing). In August, he spoke on "The Challenges of Teaching Law in China" to the annual national conference of the Academy of Legal Studies in Business, and will speak in January on "Residential Renewable Energy: By Whom?" at the University of Utah's symposium on The Future of Energy Law. Last fall, the Council for International Education of Scholars appointed Eisen to a three-year term as a Discipline Peer Reviewer (Law) for the Fulbright Scholar Program, assigning him to review applications to the program and make recommendation decisions.

David Frisch was selected by Themis Bar Review to be its nationwide lecturer on secured



transactions and to lecture on a variety of Virginia-specific subjects.

His article "Commercial Law's Complexity" is scheduled to appear in 18 *George Mason Law Review* (forthcoming winter 2011). His article on the amendments to Uniform Commercial Code-Article 9 is scheduled to appear in a 2011 issue of the *University of Richmond Law Review*. He also completed the

2010 supplement to a treatise on the commercial law of intellectual property.

Jim Gibson moderated a discussion on "New Media, New Ethics, New Selves" at the symposium "Evolving



Perspectives on Ethics," co-sponsored by the law school and leadership school on Sept. 20.

He was interviewed in August on WRVA newsradio about the face-off between Craigslist and state attorneys general regarding ads for adult services. In June, he spoke on "The Future of Fair Use" at the symposium "Hybrid ©: Sustaining Culture in Copyright," hosted by the University of Maryland Center for Intellectual Property. Also in June, he was a panelist on "Chasing the Internet: Is the Law Keeping Up?" at the Virginia State Bar annual meeting.

Ann Hodges spoke at the Marquette Law Review Symposium "Promoting Employee Voice in the New American Economy" in October. Her book, *Public Sector Employment, Second Edition*, coauthored with Martin H. Malin and Joseph Slater, was published by Thomson/West in December. In October, she moderated the panel discussion at the law school's symposium for pro bono week, "Leveling the Playing Field: How the Community Benefits from Protecting Low Wage and Immigrant Workers."

Corinna Barrett Lain presented "Rethinking Miranda" at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools' annual conference

in August. She presented "The Doctrinal Side of Majority Will," forthcoming in the *Michigan State Law Review*, at a constitutional law symposium.

Dale Margolin presented at a Veterans Benefit Workshop at Virginia Commonwealth



University in September. She also made a presentation on legal services for indigent clients at the

19th Annual Bench-Bar Conference in Richmond on Oct. 21, and a presentation on legal rights at the Great Expectations Conference in Richmond on Nov. 5.

Shari Motro's article "Preglimony" will be published in Vol. 63 of *Stanford Law Review* (2011). (See story, page 16.) She presented



"Preglimony" at the William and Mary Law School and at the Virginia Junior Faculty Forum.

Amy O'Connor began her position as technical services and digital resources librarian in the Law Library in August. She is a regional representative for the Potomac Technical Processing Librarians (PTPL), a professional organization of technical services librarians in Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia. In October, she attended the 86th annual PTPL meeting at the Library of Virginia.

Jack Preis presented “The Constitutionality of the Reverse-1983 Action” at the annual Junior Faculty Federal Courts Conference in Chicago in October.

Noah Sachs’ article “Rescuing the Strong Precautionary Principle from its Critics” was accepted by *University of Illinois Law Review* and will be published in summer 2011. He presented “Horizontal



Regulatory Cooperation on Chemicals” at the biannual meeting of the European Consortium for Political Research in Dublin, Ireland, in June. He presented “Rescuing the Strong Precautionary Principle from its Critics” at the New Scholars Workshop of the Southeast Association of Law Schools’ annual meeting in August.

Carl W. Tobias published an article on federal judicial selection in the *Boston College Law Review*.



He published articles on federal judicial selection in the *Christian Science Monitor*,

Louisville Courier-Journal, *National Law Journal*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Kansas City Star*, *Dallas Morning News*, *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, *Des Moines Register*, *Indianapolis Star*, *Shreveport Times*, *Wilmington (N.C.) Star News*, *Nashville Tennessean*, *Winston-Salem Journal*, *McClatchy Newspapers*, *Slate*, *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, *Greensboro News Record*, *L.A. Daily Journal*, and

FindLaw. Tobias published letters to the editor in *The New York Times*, *Boston Globe*, *Washington Post*, *USA Today*, *Charlotte Observer*, *Austin American-Statesman*, *Jackson Clarion-Ledger*, and *Baltimore Sun*. He was a widely quoted contributor to the debates over judicial selection, the Obama administration, terrorism, and other topics, appearing on outlets including National Public Radio, Marketplace, Bloomberg News, WCVE, and WRVA, and in major newspapers, online publications, and wire services.

Professor emeritus wins lifetime achievement award

Andre A. Moenssens, professor of law, emeritus, was awarded the Stephen B. Meagher lifetime achievement award for his lifelong contributions to the fingerprint profession and to Scientific Working Group on Friction Ridge Analysis, Study and Technology (SWGFAST).

Moenssens was a professor at the School of Law 1973–1995, and was elected professor emeritus in 1996. He is the author, senior coauthor, or editor of more than 15 books, among which are *Cases and Comments on Criminal Law* and *Scientific Evidence in Civil and Criminal Cases*. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, and recently coauthored/coedited the first edition of the *Wiley Encyclopedia of Forensic Evidence*.

FACULTY PROFILE

Many hats, but one mission



Corinna Barrett Lain

Corinna Lain wears many hats—prolific scholar, award-winning teacher, national expert on death penalty issues—and she was recently appointed associate dean for faculty development and co-chair of the dean search committee. Her

demanding schedule reflects her passion and vision for the law school.

“We are at a critical juncture,” Lain says. “At law schools across the country we see salary and hiring freezes as well as many program cutbacks. Not here. Here we have an administration saying, ‘Let’s build the law school.’” As confirmation that the law school has the full support of the University’s central administration, Lain points to the creation of the new position of associate dean for faculty development, an important role that she says will enhance legal education at the School of Law as it supports faculty.

“This is not just a program to support untenured faculty,” she says. “This position is designed to promote not only top-notch scholarship, but also innovative teaching techniques that maximize our ability to most effectively reach our students and instill in them a true love of the law.” Lain says the emphasis on faculty development will focus on both the institutional and individual level, allowing her to meet faculty “where they are.” “We are at a key point in our institution’s history where we have a critical mass of accomplished tenured and untenured faculty. Programmatic development that supports interaction among our faculty will help us be the very best teacher-scholars we can be.”

As the search for a new law dean gathers steam, Lain is confident. “I’m not worried that there are 30-plus other law schools looking for a dean this year. The person we want will be smart enough to know UR is the hot prospect—the place to be.”

—Paula Peters Chambers

17 are awarded judicial clerkships

Seventeen students and alumni have attained prestigious judicial clerkships for the 2011–2012 term. One student, **Providence Okoye, L'11**, secured two federal clerkships. She will clerk for Chief Judge James R. Spencer of the U.S. District Court for Eastern Virginia 2011–2012, and for Judge Roger L. Gregory of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit 2012–2013.

Other federal clerks are: **Erin Bender, L'11**, Magistrate Judge David J. Joel, U.S. District Court, Northern District of West Virginia; **Blake Boyette, L'11**, Judge J. Rich Leonard, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of North Carolina; **Hank Gates, L'10**, Judge Jackson L. Kiser, U.S. District Court, Western District of Virginia; **Stanley Hammer, L'11**, Chief Judge James R. Spencer of the U.S. District Court for Eastern Virginia; and **Chris Johnson, L'09**, Judge Elizabeth C. Paris of U.S. Tax Court.

State clerks are: **J.T. Blau, L'11**, Richmond Circuit Court; **Sau Chan, L'11**, Richmond Circuit Court; **Cyrus “Wiley” Grandy, L'11**, Norfolk Circuit Court; **Ben Hoover, L'10**, Justice S. Bernard Goodwyn, Supreme Court of Virginia; **Laura Anne Kuykendall, L'11**, Henrico Circuit Court; **Michael Matheson, L'11**, Judge Michael C. Allen, Chesterfield Circuit Court; **Bryn Swartz, L'11**, Henrico Circuit Court; **David Tait, L'11**, Judge Frederick G. Rockwell III, Chesterfield Circuit



Student receiving clerkships include (top, from left), Bryn Swartz, Christopher P. Thumma, Blake Boyette, Stanley Hammer, and Michael Matheson; (middle row), Erin Bender, Katherine Womack, Providence Okoye, Sidon “Ceci” Yohannes, and James Tyler “J.T.” Blau; (front), Laura Anne Kuykendall and Sau Chan.

Court; **Chris Thumma, L'11**, Judge Herbert Cogbill Gill Jr., Chesterfield Circuit Court; **Katherine Womack, L'11**, Chief Judge Harold W. Burgess Jr., Chesterfield Circuit Court; and **Sidon “Ceci” Yohannes, L'11**, Wicomico County (Md.) Circuit Court.

Student recognition

T.J. Brennan, L'12, is the winner of the 2010 Carrico Moot Court Competition. **Danielle Snead, Lindsey Vann**, and **Amanda Blair**, all L'12, were finalists. **Alex Cuff, L'12**, won the award for Best Brief.

In summer 2010, **Craig Ellis, L'12**, obtained an executive certificate in counter-terrorism from the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism in Herzliya, Israel. “There was an interesting mix of instructors and students from a wide range of backgrounds,” said Ellis, who is president of the Black Law Students Association (BLSA). The

multidisciplinary program focused on terrorist organizational history and ideology, Islamic and Jewish culture, and counter-terrorism challenges while blending academic theory and practical knowledge.

Through Equal Justice Works, three School of Law students were 2010 Summer Corps members. **Alexandria Cuff, L'12**, worked at the Legal Aid Justice Center in Richmond; **Michael Mariani, L'11**, served at The Community Tax Law Project in Richmond; and **Ryan Shannon, L'11**, served at the Law Students in Action Project in Rochester, N.Y.

Evan George, L'11, was elected articles editor of the *Tsinghau China Law Review*. The *Tsinghau China Law Review*, founded in 2008, is a student-edited, English-language journal covering topics related to Chinese law and reaches a global audience.

Student a spokesman on Islamic issues

Qasim Rashid, L'12, is gaining national recognition as a media expert on American-Islamic issues. He is a national spokesman for the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in the United States, which presents Islam as a religion that abhors all violence.

A prolific writer and lecturer, Rashid has published op-ed articles about human rights and freedom of religion in a variety of publications, including *USA Today*, *The Washington Post*, *The Boston Globe*, *The San Francisco Chronicle*, *The Huffington Post*, and the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, and has been interviewed numerous times on NBC-12 in Richmond. He was recently featured on NPR's "This I Believe," and in a *New York Times* article on the "Muslims for Peace" campaign.

"I am a moderate Muslim and I write to condemn violence in the name of religion in every form," Rashid said. "It is through the writing and the law that I want to champion freedom of conscience."

At the School of Law, Rashid is the founder and president of the Muslim Law Student Association (MLSA). The MLSA sponsored the symposium "An Introduction to Islamic Finance" on Nov. 10 in the Moot Court Room.

VFVLA host for Veterans Day

The Veterans and Friends of Veterans Legal Association (VFVLA) hosted a Veterans Day ceremony on Nov. 11, with Air Force Maj. Gen. Robert B. Newman Jr., adjutant general of the Virginia Guard, as keynote speaker. The

event honored past, present, and future veterans in the law school community by recognizing their service and sacrifice.

Jennifer Schoffstall, L'12, a former Air Force captain, said, "We are honored to host this year's ceremony, and thrilled that 14 law school alumni veterans are present to honor current and past veterans."

Other speakers included **Sam Bernier, L'11**, (Marine Corps and Army Reserve), and Professor Peter Swisher, a former Army first lieutenant who served in Vietnam. Founded in fall 2009, the VFVLA's mission is to establish a supportive network of students who are veterans of the armed forces, interested in serving upon graduation, or have family members and/or close friends associated with the military.

In addition to Schoffstall and Bernier, law student veterans are: **Meredith D. Adkins, L'12** (Navy), **Jonathan M. Arthur, L'13** (Marine Corps), **Craig E. Ellis, L'12** (Army and Army Reserve), **Michael P. Giordano, L'11** (Navy), **Joel M. Hermsdorfer, L'13** (Army), **Andrew Lucchetti, L'13** (Virginia Army National Guard), **Isaac A. Mcbeth, L'11** (Army),

Christopher Roszel, L'13 (Navy), **John M. Weiland, L'12** (Army), and **Rory G. Verlander, L'12** (Army).

Students attend Bay cleanup hearing

Law and University undergraduate students in classes of Professor Joel B. Eisen urged the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to speed cleanup efforts of the Chesapeake Bay at a public hearing held at the Jepson Alumni Center Oct. 6. About 300 people attended the hearing, which focused on the EPA's draft cleanup TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) that establishes the maximum amount of nitrogen and phosphorus the Bay can receive and still have healthy water.

"This was an unparalleled opportunity for students to become involved in the development of public policy," said Eisen.

On Nov. 18, the Richmond Environmental Law Society presented its fall symposium, "Chesapeake Bay TMDL: Effects, Benefits, and Challenges of Regulation."



Jennifer Schoffstall talks with Maj. Gen. Robert B. Newman Jr. (center) at the Veterans Day event.



Alumnus of Year believes strongly in giving back

As a child, **Russell C. Williams, L'84**, was given to understand there were two honorable callings in life: working with horses and being a lawyer. "I was lucky enough to do both," he says.

As vice president of Hanover Shoe Farms in Hanover, Pa., which breeds horses for harness racing, Williams is following the path of his grandfather, Lawrence B. Sheppard, who had a law degree and managed the family's horse breeding business.

When he was in the School of Law, Williams was among the "Death Row" students who sat in the back of Professor Tom Guernsey's property class and left that homework until last. "He knew if he called on someone back there something interesting would happen. But from Tom Guernsey I learned how to read and use a legal case properly."

Williams maintains close ties with the law school. He established the Williams Chair through a \$2 million pledge in 1999. "I set up the chair out of gratefulness," he explains. "It was my legal education that made so much difference in my life so I felt an obligation to give back."

In 2009, he received the Distinguished Law Alumnus of the Year Award. "I was honored," he says, "but what is most important to me is that I have stayed involved with the law school and



Russell C. Williams, with Diz, operates Hanover Shoe Farms in Hanover, Pa.

the University. During my term as an alumnus Trustee, I was astonished to learn that UR law alumni giving hovers around 15 percent." Noting that alumni giving at other major law schools is between 40 percent and 50 percent, Williams thinks that the disparity is more likely due to an incomplete understanding of the role of legal education than to any lack of generosity among the law alumni.

"Law school is a facet of the legal profession just like law practice, the judiciary, and legislative or administrative activity. You pay your bar dues, you do some kind of community service, and you give something to your law school," he says. "Even if it's \$10 per year, by supporting legal education a lawyer stays connected to a vital part of the profession."

After graduation, Williams practiced law in Richmond for six years, working for the Virginia Attorney General's office, the U.S. District Court, and in his own practice. He returned to Hanover Shoe Farms after the death of his grandmother. Since then, Williams has focused on the horse industry. He is chairman of the Standardbred Horse Sales Co., and of the American Horse Council.

The farm has been successful on many levels, leading money earnings of North American breeders. "They started keeping track of winnings for horses by breeder in 1939, and we have been number one in that category since then," Williams says.

—Joan Tupponce

CLASS NOTES

Class news, alumni profiles, and events



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1960s

S.D. Roberts Moore, L'61, of Gentry Locke Rakes & Moore in Roanoke, Va., was named a 2010 Virginia Super Lawyer.

In addition to working as an attorney at McGuireWoods, **Thomas S. Word Jr., L'61**, is writing a book, *My Heroes*, a collection of essays about the Virginia business people he admires most, which he intends to publish and list on Amazon. He will donate the royalties to The Community Foundation.

William C. Wood, L'66, is the 2010 recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Virginia State Bar's Family Law Section. He was recognized for demonstrating excellence and integrity and for making substantial contributions to the practice of family law in Virginia. A shareholder with Batzli, Wood & Stiles PC, he also is a mediator and a commissioner in chancery.

In November the **Hon. F. Bruce Bach, L'67**, was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame at St. John's College High School in Chevy Chase, Md. A high-school football star in the Washington, D.C., area in the late 1950s, Bach retired in 2001 from the bench as chief judge of the Circuit Court of Fairfax County, Va. He is now with the McCammon Group.

Irving M. Blank, L'67, is serving a one-year term as president of the Virginia State Bar. He is a personal injury attorney at Paris Blank and has served on the bar's governing council since 2003 and on the VSB Executive Committee since 2006. (See article, Page 3.)

1970s

Cyrus A. Dolph IV, L'73, an attorney with Clarke, Dolph, Rapaport, Hull, Brunick & Garriott, has been recognized as a 2010 Virginia Super Lawyer for the third consecutive year.

Olin Melchionna, L'74, has been appointed to the board of trustees of Roanoke College. He practices tax and estate planning law at Spilman Thomas & Battle in Roanoke and has been a Roanoke College associate for several years.

The *National Law Review* published an article regarding a recent win by a team of lawyers in the Washington, D.C., office of McDermott Will & Emery, that included **Guy Collier, L'76**. It highlighted the team's work with its third pro bono client seeking a religious accommodation to serve in the U.S. Army. The article can be accessed at www.law.com/jsp/article.jsp?id=1202471576738.

Gary Kendall, L'76, an attorney with MichieHamlett in Charlottesville, Va., is on the board of directors of Building a Bridge, a nonprofit that provides family-like living environments for the full support of adults with traumatic brain injury.

Bruce C. Stockburger, L'76, was named a 2010 Virginia Super Lawyer in the area of business and corporate law. He is an attorney at Gentry Locke Rakes & Moore in Roanoke, Va.

Lewis T. Stoneburner, L'76, was designated to the list of the "Top 50 Virginia Super Lawyers" in the 2010 edition of *Virginia Super Lawyers*. A partner at Cantor Stoneburner Ford Grana & Buckner, he was named to the 2011 edition of *Best Lawyers in America* in the medical malpractice law category.



Members of the Class of 1960 attending the 50th Year Reunion were (from left) Richard McLellon, G. Warthen Downs, Pete Baugh, Michael Korb, and Joe Johnson.

Richard B. “Rick” Chess, L’77, is president of the Real Estate Investment Securities Association, a nonprofit organization focused on the real estate securities industry.

Raymond A. Gill Jr., L’77, teaches persuasion and advocacy as an adjunct faculty member at Seton Hall University in Newark, N.J. A board-certified trial lawyer, he has been named one of the top 10 trial lawyers in New Jersey and one of the top 100 in the United States. Gill is a senior partner at Gill & Chamas in Woodbridge, N.J. He recovered five of the top 20 personal injury awards in New Jersey in 2009.

On April 12, 2010, **Allen L. Jackson, L’77**, was sworn in as the Richmond City attorney.

Burton F. Dodd, L’78, a partner in the Atlanta office of Fisher & Phillips LLP, was named to the 2011 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

1980s

Steve Baril, L’80, was elected to the board of directors of the Greater Richmond Partnership, a regional economic development organization. He also was elected to the board of directors of the new regional think tank, Richmond’s Future.

Mary G. Commander, L’81, and Ellen C. Carlson have formed Commander & Carlson, Attorneys and Mediators, a Norfolk, Va., firm emphasizing family law, bankruptcy, and mediation. Commander has been selected as a 2010 Super Lawyer in family law and as a “Legal Elite” in domestic relations by *Virginia Business* magazine.

Janice R. Moore, L’81, has joined Pierce Atwood LLP as a partner in the firm’s Washington, D.C., office. Moore has more than 20 years of experience in the capital markets and energy industries, most of them as in-house counsel to major players. She is a member of the University of Richmond’s Board of Trustees.

Elizabeth Parker Coughter, L’82, has been named to the 2011 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. Her practice at MichieHamlett in Charlottesville, Va., focuses on family law matters, including litigated divorce and custody cases, as well as collaborative law.

James Michael McCauley, L’82, is ethics counsel for the Virginia State Bar. He has finished two three-year terms as a member of the board of directors of the Real Property Section of the VSB and as a faculty member of the VSB’s mandatory professionalism course. He also serves on the ABA’s Standing Committee on Legal Ethics and Professionalism and is a fellow of the Virginia Law Foundation and the American Bar Foundation.

Lucia Anna “Pia” Trigiani, L’83, a principal at MercerTrigiani, has been named to the 2011 *The Best Lawyers in America* for real estate law. She also was listed as a 2010 Virginia Super Lawyer in real estate law.

The Class of 1980 enjoyed a gathering at the home of Steve Cannella. From left are Joyce Ballato, Cannella and his fiancée, Patricia Villa, Jim Evans, Norm Krumenacker, Cannella, and Ed Weiner.



Jean Tarpley (fourth from left), director of admissions at the law school 1955-1990, attended Fall Gathering at the Jepson Alumni Center Oct. 1.



Gregory Minor Johnson, L'84, is president and a shareholder of MartinWren. He oversees operations of the firm and its offices in Charlottesville and Harrisonburg, Va. He has two sons: Alex, 8, and Marlon, 7.

Patrick J. Kiernan, L'84, has been promoted to the FBI's Senior Executive Service, an elite cadre of employees who are responsible for carrying out the FBI's law enforcement and intelligence missions. He has been with the FBI for 24 years and recently relocated from Little Rock, Ark., to Washington, D.C., to serve in the Directorate of Intelligence.

Larry Skinner, L'84, has joined Hunton & Williams as a partner. He has more than 25 years of experience in energy matters and his practice focuses on project development and finance.

Paul M. Black, L'85, was named to the 2011 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* for his work in banking law, bankruptcy, and creditor-debtor rights law. He also was named a 2010 Super Lawyer in his field. He is a member of Spilman Thomas & Battle in the firm's Roanoke, Va., office.

Matthew W. Broughton, L'85, was named a 2010 Virginia Super Lawyer in personal injury plaintiff law. He is an attorney at Gentry Locke Rakes & Moore in Roanoke, Va.

Mary Burkey Owens, L'86, a founding partner at Owen & Owens in Richmond, has been recognized in the 2010 edition of *Virginia Super Lawyers* as a "Top 25 Female Super Lawyer" for the second consecutive year. Owens chairs her firm's family law team and also practices real estate law and civil litigation. She earned the peer review rating of AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell.

The 2011 *The Best Lawyers in America* included **Heather Heiskell Jones, L'87**. Jones, chair of the litigation department at Spilman Thomas & Battle in Charleston, W.Va., was recognized for her work in personal injury litigation.

Andrew A. Protogyrou, L'87, and **Robert B. Rigney, L'87**, founding partners of Protogyrou & Rigney in Norfolk, Va., have been named to the 2010 list of Virginia Super Lawyers.

1990s

Peter V. Chiusano, L'90, is a partner with Christie, Kantor, Griffin, Smith, Shepherd & Chiusano in Virginia Beach, Va. His practice focuses on family law, collaborative divorce law, and commercial litigation/creditor's rights.

Michigan Lawyers Weekly recognized **John T. Eads III, L'90**, as one of 25 Michigan "Leaders in the Law."

Michele Adams Mulligan, L'90 and GB'99, is an attorney in the Richmond office of MercerTrigiani, where her practice focuses on legal and accounting malpractice defense and insurance coverage. In 2009 and 2010 she was listed as a Virginia Super Lawyer and she was recognized as one of 25 leading women attorneys in Virginia for 2010.

Niall A. Paul, L'90, was ranked in the 2010 *Chambers USA* as a leading lawyer in West Virginia in litigation and was included in the 2011 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. A member of Spilman Thomas & Battle in the firm's Charleston, W.Va., office, he also was named a 2010 Super Lawyer in the field

From left, Bill Phillips (center) and Bob McAdam, at the Class of '85 dinner. Amy Turner, Adele Nighman, and Heather Fairbanks, all L'95 classmates, enjoy Fall Gathering.



From left, Thomas Yates, Kim Yates, L'95, Stephanie Ploszay Karn, L'95, and Bill Karn, L'93, at the Class of '95 gathering; Steve Gangemi, L'08, Ryan Shoemake, L'08, Lindsay Jefferies, L'10, and Andy Wood, L'10, at Fall Gathering.



of civil litigation and defense, class actions/mass torts, and employment litigation defense.

John R. Teare Jr., L'90, was named to the 2011 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* for his work in labor and employment law. He is a member of Spilman Thomas & Battle in the firm's Charleston, W.Va., office.

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George Hiller, L'91, the founder and director of international and internship programs at the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center in Abingdon, Va., received a third Business and International Education grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The grant will fund development of a new short-course study in Germany program for

faculty and students at small colleges in far Southwest Virginia. Hiller also is an adjunct professor of international business at the University of Richmond's School of Continuing Studies and a higher education grant consultant.

Christine Marra, L'91, of the Virginia Poverty Law Center in Richmond, received the Family Law Service Award from the Virginia State Bar Family Law Section's board of governors in May. She was honored for her work with children and youth in foster care.

Patent litigator **Dana Finberg, L'92**, is a partner in the intellectual property and technology practice at Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal's Silicon Valley office. His practice focuses on intellectual property disputes and complex commercial litigation.

Ellen Firsching Brown, L'93, is completing work on her first book, a publishing history of the novel *Gone With the Wind*. The book focuses on the management of the literary, cinematic, and theatrical rights of the novel and is expected to be published by Taylor Trade in late winter.

The Hon. Richard B. Campbell, L'93, of the Richmond Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, was appointed to serve on the Virginia Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice.

Stephanie E. Grana, W'90 and L'93, has been named to the list of the "Top 25 Female Super Lawyers" in Virginia by *Virginia Super Lawyers*. She is a partner at Cantor Stoneburner Ford Grana & Buckner, and also was named to the 2011 edition of *Best Lawyers* in the medical malpractice law category.

Samuel L. Tarry Jr., L'94, completed his Master of Laws in global health law at Georgetown University. He practices environmental and public health litigation as a partner at McGuireWoods in Richmond and Washington, D.C. He recently published "Can Litigation-Generated Science Promote Public Health?" in the *American Journal of Trial Advocacy* (Volume 33, No. 2, 2010).

Alicia Zatcoff, L'94, is the first sustainability manager for the City of Richmond. In this role she provides strategic direction, development, and daily oversight of a complex, citywide

From left, Henry Pollard, L'91, chats with Dean John G. Douglass at the football tailgate party during Law Weekend. Also enjoying the tailgate were Lee Ann McAdam, Bob McAdam, L'85, Margaret Nelson, L'87, Bill Phillips, L'85, Pat Nichols, Ron Kuykendall, L'78, and Aubrey Rosser, L'77.



From left, Sara Nunley, L'13, Rosanne Ibanez, L'13, Daniel Wilkes, L'13, Carlon Matthews, L'12, and Charisse Hines, L'13, at Fall Gathering. Robert Thompson, Anna Jolly, L'90, and Lt. Col. Beth Borreson, L'90, at the Class of '90 event.



sustainability and energy management program. Her focus is to develop initiatives that support the sustainability priorities for Richmond as well as improved quality of life for residents, a healthy environment, and enhanced economic development and job creation opportunities. (See article, Page 15.)

Greg Webb, L'95, has been named to the 2011 edition of *Best Lawyers*. His practice at MichieHamlett in Charlottesville, Va., focuses on helping people injured in catastrophic accidents and asbestos litigation.

Adriaen M. Morse Jr., L'95, founded Murphy & McGonigle, a boutique securities enforcement, securities litigation, and white-collar criminal defense firm in Washington, D.C., Glen Allen, Va., and New York City.

Bonnie Atwood, L'96, the head writer for Tall Poppies Freelance Writing LLC, is a first-place winner in the National Federation of Press Women annual awards.

Kimberly MacLeod Magee, L'96, a partner at Hunton & Williams, completed the Augusta 70.3 Ironman competition in September. In conjunction with the race, she and her five teammates collectively raised more than \$30,000 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.



Jean Tarpley (left) with Associate Dean for Admissions Michelle Rahman, who was honored at Fall Gathering for 25 years of service in the admissions office.

ALUMNI PROFILE

Making an impact as a mentor



Jayne A. Pemberton, L'01

Jayne A. Pemberton was once torn about which career footsteps to follow. Her mother was a teacher, and her father, a judge.

In her own way, Pemberton, who grew up in Temple, Texas, chose both paths.

Pemberton is an attorney in the risk management practice at Sands Anderson, where she focuses on the defense of companies and individuals in insurance litigation and insurance coverage issues.

Her teaching role involves being a mentor. Pemberton, as president of the board of directors of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Richmond and the Tri-Cities, has been with her Little Sister, now a high school senior, since the student was a fourth-grader. Pemberton's dedication to the nonprofit organization earned her the "Big Sister of the Year" Award in 2007.

As the new president of the Metropolitan Richmond Women's Bar Association (MRWBA), Pemberton's commitment to mentoring young attorneys and University of Richmond law students influenced her choice of this year's theme for the organization: "Looking to the past to build the future." A new project for MRWBA involves opportunities to help young girls at the Peter Paul Development Center of Richmond.

While a law student, Pemberton's interest in mentoring deepened during an externship with Kimberly O'Donnell, L'85, then a judge in the Richmond Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court. "Her court made a huge impression on me," says Pemberton, "opening my eyes to the needs of a lot of children in our community."

Pemberton's focus on young people took root when she taught English at a junior high school in Japan for three years before law school. An English major at Baylor University, she earned her certification to teach high school English and seriously considered it. But in Japan, Pemberton realized that she wanted to practice law.

She decided to become a litigator in the courtroom. "I love going into court and presenting my case," Pemberton says. "Some people try to make it more of an adversarial process than it needs to be. I'm glad we practice in Richmond where most of the lawyers are collegial."

At her alma mater, Pemberton is an adjunct professor, teaching the classroom component of the litigation clinic. It's the same clinic that gave her the placement with O'Donnell. "It's been a very serendipitous year for me because O'Donnell was such a mentor. I was excited when they asked me to teach this year."

The School of Law not only launched Pemberton's career and strengthened her mentoring resolve, it's also where she met her husband, Ben Thorp, L'00, assistant county attorney in Henrico. They live in Richmond with their son, Beckett, 2.

—Robin Farmer

John P. Cunningham, L'99, joined the investigations, business crimes, and white-collar defense practice group at Baker & McKenzie in Washington, D.C.

J. Christopher Lemons, L'99, has been appointed a senior assistant attorney general in the Virginia attorney general's office. In this position he works with the office of the secretary of transportation and the Virginia Department of Transportation on a number of matters, including public-private partnerships for the development and financing of transportation infrastructure projects throughout the state.

Virginia Super Lawyers & Rising Stars magazine has recognized **Christopher M. McCarthy, L'99**, of White & McCarthy, as one of its 2010 "Rising Stars" for the third consecutive year. He is the first attorney in Central Virginia to become a Certified Elder Law Attorney and is president-elect of the Virginia Academy of Elder Law Attorneys.

Troy Savenko, L'99, an attorney with Gregory Kaplan, was selected for *Virginia Business* magazine's 2009 "Legal Elite" in bankruptcy. He also was named a 2010 Rising Star for bankruptcy by *Virginia Super Lawyers & Rising Stars* magazine.

2000s

Brian J. Schneider, L'00, is a partner with Moran Reeves & Conn in Richmond.

Gretchen Hutt Brown, L'01, practices in the areas of divorce, child custody, and civil and criminal litigation at Bowen Champlin Foreman & Rockecharlie in Richmond.

Jayne A. Pemberton, L'01, is president of the Richmond Metropolitan Women's Bar Association. She is an attorney in the risk management practice group at Sands Anderson. (See article, Page 31.)

Philip Landau, L'01, formed the bankruptcy boutique firm of Shraiberg, Ferrara & Landau in Boca Raton, Fla. The firm specializes in business bankruptcy, creditor's rights, and commercial litigation.

The *Charlotte Business Journal* named **Ashley Geyer Jones, L'02**, one of the Charlotte, N.C., area's "Top 25 Women in Business." Jones is the chief compliance officer for the online marketing company Red Ventures and was recognized for helping to make 2009 that company's most successful year to date.

Rebecca Britton Brown, L'03, and **Dave Brown, L'02**, welcomed a daughter, Emery Britton Brown, on June 12, 2010. She joined sister Abigail, 2½.

Douglas R. Burtch, L'03 and an adjunct professor of law at the University of Richmond, has been selected for inclusion in the 2010 edition of *Virginia Super Lawyers & Rising Stars* magazine as a Rising Star. His practice at Macaulay & Burtch focuses on employment and labor law.

Dawn Conrad, L'03, earned her Master of Laws in European commercial law with distinction from the University of Edinburgh in November 2009.

Brian J. Teague, L'04, is a registered patent attorney specializing in electronics and computer technology patent preparation and prosecution at Gavin Law Offices in Richmond.

Edwin Wallis III, L'04, is an associate with Glassman, Edwards, Wade & Wyatt in Memphis, Tenn. He and his wife, Jenna, have two sons, Edwin and Butler.

Erin Torrey Ranney, W'02 and L'05, has formed Erin L.T. Ranney PLLC, where she focuses her practice on criminal and traffic defense matters.

The *National Law Review* published an article regarding a recent win by a team of lawyers in the Washington, D.C., office of McDermott Will & Emery, that included **Amandeep Sidhu, L'05**. It highlighted the team's work with its third pro bono client seeking a religious accommodation to serve in the U.S. Army. The article can be accessed at <http://www.law.com/jsp/article.jsp?id=1202471576738>.

Amanda J. Sundquist, L'06, an attorney at Unruh, Turner, Burke & Frees in West Chester, Pa., was named a "Lawyer on the Fast Track" by *The Legal Intelligencer*. She practices in the areas of municipal, school, land use, and zoning law and serves as chair of the Chester County Bar Association's young lawyers division.

Jesse R. Morton, L'08, is a senior associate, advisory, in KPMG's forensic group based in Washington, D.C. He and his wife, Carly, live in Rockville, Md.

Molly Geissenhainer, L'09, serves as a clerk to the Hon. M. Hannah Lauck, U.S. Magistrate Judge, Eastern District of Virginia, Richmond Division.

Jonathan Moore, L'09, published "Particularizing Patent Pleading: Pleading Patent Infringement in a Post-Twombly World," in the *Texas Intellectual Property Law Journal*.

IN MEMORIAM

Judge Reid M. Spencer, R'48, L'51
Norfolk, Va.
June 13, 2010

Jacob H. Kelly III, L'53
St. Petersburg, Fla.
Jan. 24, 2010

Dominick J. Esposito, L'54
Glen Allen, Va.
July 3, 2010

Owen B. Pickett, L'55
Virginia Beach, Va.
Oct. 28, 2010

Harry W. Garrett Jr., R'58, L'61
Richmond
June 17, 2010

Edward H. Rountree, L'64
Mathews, Va.
Aug. 15, 2010

Michaux "Shack" Raine III, L'65
Penhook, Va.
July 30 2010

Raymond J. McGill Jr., L'65
Ambler, Pa.
Jan. 10, 2010

Patrick M. Crowling Jr., L'67
Richmond, Va.
Aug. 11, 2008

William R. Blandford Jr., GB'75, L'78
Powhatan, Va.
July 13, 2010

John C. Gould, L'78
Hopewell, Va.
Sept. 23, 2010

Jennifer Miller Sheldon, L'91
Southlake, Texas
Aug. 28, 2010

Claudia Anne Luecke, L'94
Westfield, N.J.
Oct. 15, 2010

William E. Spruill, L'02
Richmond
May 31, 2010



Justice Carrico honored

The John Marshall Foundation hosted a gala Oct. 29 in Richmond in which Harry Carrico (second from right), former chief justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia, was presented the Marshall Medal in Law. Joining him were (from left) Dean John G. Douglass, novelist David Baldacci, and President Edward L. Ayers. A symposium on Marshall was held earlier that day. (See article, page 7.)